Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Leland and Elsie (Schaeffer) Beck exchanged their wedding vows on June 17, 1956, at the Peace Lutheran Church in Herreid, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, The newlywed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Leland and Elsie gave life and love to five children: Debra, Christi, Ronald, Connie and Bradley and now have seven grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Leland and Elsie have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, Leland and Elsie will observe their 50th wedding anniversary with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as their friends and relatives gather at the Herreid Community Center on June 10, 2006, to honor them and celebrate their lives and the camaraderie of the day; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this special occasion in the lives of these two people who have lived exemplary lives for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 17, 2006, as

LELAND AND ELSIE BECK DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State